ARMIN!

GET DOWN!!

GROOOO

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Episode 85: The Basement

BERTOLT?

WHO TOOTS?

...

AGH
...

..?!

SASHA?!

UUGH...

IT HURTS ...

!

EREN ...

WHAT'S

THP

THP

THP

HOW DID YOU...

... THESE ARE SERI-OUS INJU-RIES !!

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GRASP

HUH ?

WEL-COME... BACK.

CAP-TAIN.

WHOOSH

SO HE'S UP.

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HUH?

...

I DON'T REMEMBER ANY OF THIS HAPPENING.

WHAT'S GOING ON?

DOUBT YOU WOULD.

RUSTLE

PSSHHH

EREN.

TELL HIM. AND DON'T HOLD ANYTHING BACK.

WHOOSH

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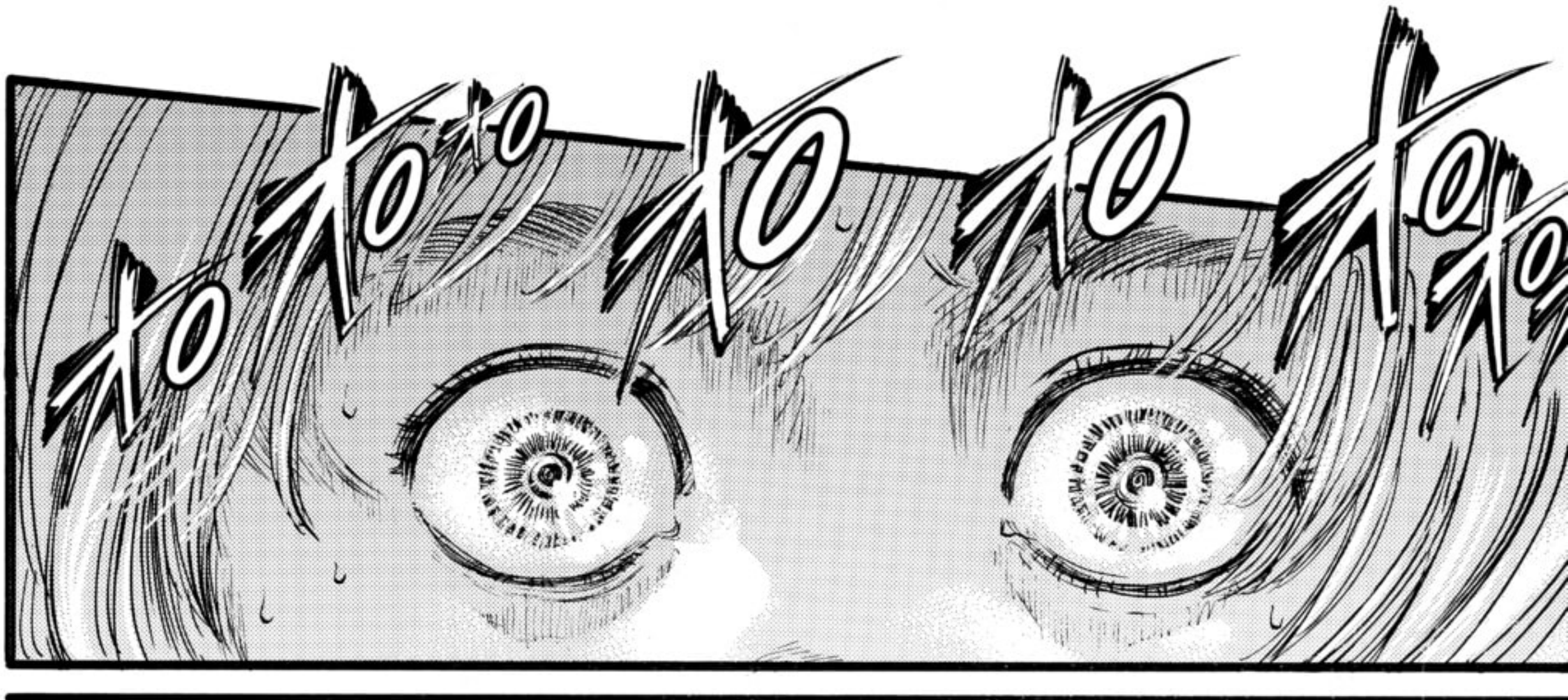
UNDER-
STAND,
ARMIN?
SO?
UMM…
YOU'RE TELLING ME… THE SURVEY CORPS IS NOW… JUST THE NINE OF US HERE?
SO…

WE SPENT IT ALL LOOKING FOR SURVIVORS, BUT FOUND NONE.

IT'S BEEN FOUR HOURS SINCE THE BATTLE ENDED...

...FOR NOW, YES.

YOU ASSUME REINER, THE BEAST TITAN, AND ONE OTHER HAVE FLED.

SO, THE GATE TO SHIGANSHINA IS SEALED.

...AFTER A DISAGREEMENT ABOUT... WHO SHOULD RECEIVE THE INJECTION...

WHEN... BOTH COMMANDER ERWIN AND I WERE ON THE BRINK OF DEATH...

...YOU SUCCESS-FULLY CAPTURED BERTOLT.

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I... TURNED INTO A TITAN...

...AND **ATE** BERTOLT...

GLUG GLUG GLUG

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WHY...

...DID YOU CHOOSE **ME?**

PHEW

...AND DECIDE TO BRING COMMANDER ERWIN BACK TO LIFE?!

WOULDN'T ANYONE LOOK AT THE SITUATION...

I SAID TO TELL HIM EVERYTHING.

WHAK

TCH.

CAPTAIN!!

WHY DID YOU GIVE THE INJECTION TO ME?!

THEY ACTUALLY WENT AFTER ME WITH THEIR BLADES.

...YOUR TWO FRIENDS DIDN'T SEE THINGS THAT WAY.

YOU SHOULD KNOW...

YOUR INSUBORDINATION WILL OF COURSE BE PUNISHED.

BUT THIS GOES FAR BEYOND MILITARY DISCIPLINE.

WE'LL ACCEPT ANY PUNISHMENT YOU GIVE US.

HUH?

...

THAT SAID ...

...OF COU-RSE.

NO... I CHOSE THIS PLACE AND TIME, FOR ERWIN'S DEATH.

IN THE END, IT WAS I WHO CHOSE YOU.

THERE'S NO WAY YOU COULD LET THE COMMANDER DIE.

...BUT I DON'T UNDER-STAND.

...

WHAT DO WE DO NOW ...?

WE...

IF COMMAND-ER ERWIN IS GONE, THEN...

...WE SHOULD HAVE GIVEN THE INJECTION TO ERWIN.

I ALSO THINK ...

THERE'S NOTHING MORE TO SAY.

AND LEVI CHOSE YOU.

BUT ERWIN HIMSELF ENTRUSTED THAT DECISION TO LEVI.

...AND THE POWER OF THE TITANS.

...THE WEIGHT OF ERWIN SMITH'S LIFE...

EXCEPT THAT ON YOUR SHOULDERS NOW REST...

ARMIN.

AND WE'LL BE EXPECTING YOU TO CONTRIBUTE EVEN MORE TO HUMANITY.

THAT IS WHY YOU LIVE NOW, NO MATTER WHAT ANYONE ELSE SAYS.

...COM-MANDER ERWIN'S REPLACE-MENT??

...SUP-POSED TO BE...

I'M ...

...

I-

...THAT'S... ABSURD...

DON'T MIS-UNDER-STAND.

YOU COULD NEVER REPLACE ERWIN.

BUT ...

IT IS TRUE THAT YOU HAVE A POWER THAT NO HUMAN HAS.

GOT THAT ?

DON'T LET US REGRET THIS.

NOT ANY-ONE.

NOT THEM.

NOT ME.

TUG

GRASP

MAKE REGRETS IMPOSSI-BLE.

THAT IS YOUR MISSION.

NOT EVEN YOURSELF.

UUGH...

KEEP IT DOWN!

...WELL.

WE'RE NO MATCH FOR SASHA.

HA HA HA...

THAT JUST MEANS THE BOTH OF US...

...NEED TO PREPARE FOR WHAT-EVER COMES NEXT.

I GUESS WE'RE IN THE SAME BOAT.

AS ERWIN'S SUCCESSOR AS COMMANDER OF THE SURVEY CORPS...

OKAY.

...

I SAY WE GET GOING.

IF YOU'RE ALL RIGHT, ARMIN...

NOW, THEN...

THE OTHER FOUR OF YOU, KEEP WATCH FROM THE FOUR SIDES OF THE SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT WALL.

EREN, MIKASA, LEVI, AND I WILL COMPLETE THE SURVEY.

EREN.

YOU HAVEN'T LOST THE KEY, HAVE YOU?

SQUEEZE

IT'S RIGHT HERE.

NO.

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...IS IT THIS ONE?

SO THE FIRE DIDN'T SPREAD THIS FAR, FORTU-NATELY.

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YES.

GRRK

WHY CAN'T I GO DOWN INTO THE BASE-MENT?!

BECAUSE YOUR FATHER'S VERY IMPORTANT WORK TOOLS ARE DOWN THERE.

KRAK

KRAK

HEY, DAD?

KRAK

WHEN ARE YOU GOING TO SHOW ME THE BASE-MENT?

I DON'T KNOW...

MAYBE WHEN YOU REALIZE THE MOST IMPORTANT THING OF ALL.

...WHAT'S THAT MEAN?

GA-GAK

GOOD...

KRRR

LET'S GO.

WHAP

EREN.

WHY DO YOU WANT TO GO OUTSIDE?

I HATE THE IDEA OF SPENDING MY WHOLE LIFE...

...INSIDE THE WALL, IGNORANT OF WHAT'S GOING ON OUTSIDE!!

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TALK SOME SENSE INTO YOUR SON!!

WAIT... HONEY!

CARLA...

IT DOESN'T MATTER WHAT ANYONE SAYS.

THERE'S NO HOLDING BACK AN INQUISITIVE MIND.

...EREN.

WHEN I GET HOME ...

I'LL SHOW YOU WHAT'S IN THE BASE-MENT...

...THAT I'VE BEEN KEEP-ING SECRET ALL THIS TIME.

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OPEN IT.

KA-CHIK

AH!!

?

HURRY UP.

EREN ?

WHAT'S WRONG ?

...THIS-

...

...ISN'T THE KEY TO THIS DOOR...

THIS KEY ...

...

...TO DOC-TOR YEAG-ER.

BUT ...

I KNOW THAT KEY BE LONG-ED...

HUH ?

MOVE.

I'LL OPEN IT.

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STAY CALM.

BA-KRAK

HUH?! HEY!!

KTRTEETFEEEFAK

AND THESE ARE JUST MEDICAL BOOKS.

HMM...IF THESE LABELS ARE ACCURATE, THESE ARE JUST WIDELY-AVAILABLE MEDICATIONS.

IT'S ALMOST AS IF THE ROOM IS TELLING US...

AT FIRST GLANCE, THIS LOOKS LIKE A TYPICAL DOCTOR'S LABORATORY...

...

...HEY. DON'T JUST STAND THERE, YOU BRATS.

ERWIN'S INSTINCTS WOULD NEVER BE THAT OFF THE MARK.

WELL, I DOUBT HE WOULD'VE LEFT ANYTH'NG FORBIDDEN JUST LAYING AROUND FOR THE INTERIOR MPS TO FIND.

"THERE'S NOTHING SUSPICIOUS HERE."

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YES, SIR.

!

...EREN.

THERE'S ...

...A **KEY-HOLE** HERE.

SLIDE

KA-CHIK

IT'S OPEN ...

...

LOOK CLOS-ER.

IT'S EMPTY ?!

IT'S A FALSE BOT-TOM.

SHHHHHT

THUNK

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THESE MUST BE WHAT WE WERE LOOKING FOR.

THREE BOOKS...

THEY'VE BEEN TREATED TO KEEP MOIS-TURE AND BUGS AWAY.

THIS SMELLS LIKE PEPPER-MINT OIL AND CHAR-COAL.

DIN

...FATHER...

WHAT COULD MY...

...HAVE WANTED TO SHOW ME?

AND THAT'S WHEN ERWIN ASKED THE QUESTION.

"HOW DO WE **KNOW...**"

"...THAT THERE AREN'T ANY HUMANS OUTSIDE THE WALLS?"

...HE SAID.

...WE COULDN'T BE SURE THAT TITANS HAD REALLY WIPED OUT THE REST OF HUMANITY.

HE MEANT THAT, SO LONG AS WE COULDN'T TRAVEL FREELY OUTSIDE THE WALLS...

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IF THE TEXTBOOK WAS SUPPOSED TO BE OBJECTIVE, THEN IT WOULD HAVE BEEN CORRECT TO SAY THAT "THE REST OF HUMANITY ***IS THOUGHT*** TO HAVE BEEN EATEN."

YET THE HISTORY TEXTBOOK SAID THAT THEY HAD, LIKE IT WAS A FACT.

...AN INTENT TO MAKE PEOPLE BELIEVE THAT THERE WERE NO HUMANS OUTSIDE THE WALLS.

IN OTHER WORDS, YOU COULD READ A SUBJECTIVE INTENT FROM THAT STATE-MENT.

...AND THE LIKELIEST CULPRIT WAS THE ROYAL GOVERNMENT, WHICH PUBLISHED THE BOOK.

BUT...

LOOK AT US NOW.

"YOU'RE OVERTHINK-ING THINGS." "YOU'RE JUST BEING STUBBORN."

I MADE FUN OF HIM.

WHEN I HEARD HIM SAY ALL THAT...

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!

THUD THUD THUD THUD

JUST THE RIGHT TIME FOR A HERO'S RETURN...

IT'S NEARLY DAWN...

I THINK YOUR ONLY OPTION IS TO APOLOGIZE TO HIM DIRECTLY.

...HAS JUST ARRIVED !!

BAM

THE SURVEY CORPS...

YE TATATATATA

THEY SUC-CEEDED !!

WALL MARIA HAS BEEN RE-TAKEN !!

TA TETA TA TA TA TA TA TA

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IS THIS ...

A POR-TRAIT ?

NO ...

IT'S FAR TOO PERFECT FOR ANY HUMAN TO HAVE DRAWN IT...

ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE IMAGE WAS A MESSAGE WRITTEN IN MY FATHER'S HANDWRITING.

"THIS IS NOT AN ILLUS-TRA-TION."

"I CAME FROM BEYOND THE WALLS, WHERE HUMANITY ENJOYS A REFINED EXISTENCE."

"IT IS AN IMPRINT OF REFLECTED LIGHT, LEFT ON A SPECIAL KIND OF PAPER. IT IS CALLED A PHOTOGRAPH."

"HUMANITY **HAS NOT PERISHED.**"

ATTACK
ON TITAN